

Commission Meeting News:

This section of the Web site covers the most recent Commission meeting including key reports, issues, and decisions of interest to licensees and/or the public.

September 7, 2011

- **Commission Meeting Schedule.** The Commission voted to adopt the following schedule for its 2012 regular meetings and hearing dates:

January 11 - 12, 2012
February 8 - 9, 2012
February 22 - 23, 2012
March 7 - 8, 2012
April 4 - 5, 2012
April 25 - 26, 2012
May 9 - 10, 2012
June 13 - 14, 2012
July 11 - 12, 2012 (location to be determined)
August 8 - 9, 2012
August 22 - 23, 2012
September 5 - 6, 2012
October 10 - 11, 2012
October 24 - 25, 2012
November 14 - 15, 2012
December 12 - 13, 2012

All meetings take place at the Commission's office, 1313 Navaho Drive, Raleigh, unless otherwise noted.

- **Regulatory Reform** - The Executive Director reported that changes are underway to conform to certain statutory changes recently passed by the General Assembly, including publication of information about the current rule-making on the Commission's Web site, and publication of information about homeowners associations on the Web site and in Commission brochures.
- **License Applications** - The Commission considered and acted on nineteen (19) applications for a license involving character issues.
- **License Examination Development** - The Commission's Education and Licensing Director reported that he and his staff are completing their work on exam question development for the licensing examination.
- **License Examination Results** - The Commission accepted a report concerning the previous month's license applicants which noted that there were 263 applicants for a broker license tested in August and 174 (66%) passed.

- **2010-2011 Broker-in-Charge Course** - The Commission received a report from its Legal Information Officer indicating that the Commission offered thirty-one sessions of the *Broker-in-Charge Course* in various locations around the state from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. A total of 1,224 people attended the course (compared to 1,952 in FY09, and 1,397 in FY10).
 - **Course Materials on the Commission's Web site** - The Executive Director reported that the Administration Division and Education and Licensing Division had worked together to make available on the Commission's Web site relevant information from prior years' *Update* and *Broker-in-Charge Annual Review (BICAR)* courses. To access the new information, a Web site user may simply go to the Commission's homepage (www.ncrec.gov) click on the icon on the left titled, "Publications/Bulletins" and then on "Update, BICAR Topics." Selected topics appear, identified by topic, course type, and year. Topics include advertising, compensation issues, due diligence in residential sales, material facts, and property management issues, as well as significant coverage of the residential Offer to Purchase and Contract and RESPA reform.
 - **2010-2011 Instructor Seminars** - The Commission received a report stating that 128 instructors participated in training courses for instructors of the Commission's new *Update Course* and *Broker-in-Charge Annual Review (BICAR) Course*. The training courses were conducted on August 4 in Raleigh and August 17 in Charlotte.
 - **Continuing Education** - The Commission voted to approve one new *Update Course* instructor, five *Update Course* sponsors, seven new elective courses, and fifteen previously-approved courses.
 - **Renewal Update** - The Director of Administration reported that as of August 31, 2011, 92.3% of licensees (98,041) had renewed their respective licenses, which is comparable to last year's renewal rate of 92.4%.
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